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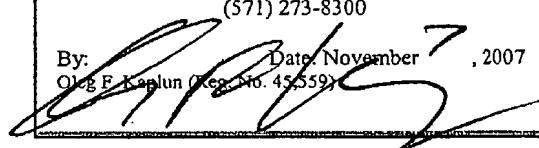
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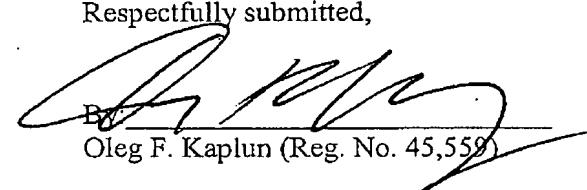
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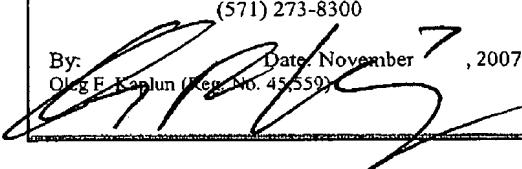
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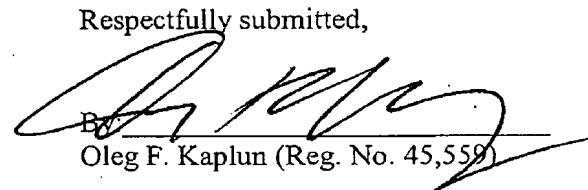
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In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 17, 2007, please consider the following remarks.